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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (PTO/SB/30);
2. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) (PTO/SB/22);
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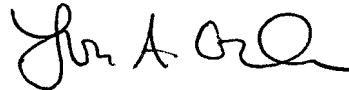
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Respectfully submitted,

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